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1. SUMMARY. NOT INDICATED IN REF MESSAGES EXCHANGE IS FACT THAT THERE IS TURIN PORTION TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE PRECEDING THE MILAN PORTION AND WE ARE PROVIDING DETAILS BELOW WITH OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT AMERICAN MAYORS SERIOUSLY CONSIDER ALSO ATTENDING TURIN PORTION. TURIN MAYOR NOVELLI RAISED MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR GARDNER AFTER HIS FEB. 17 TURIN SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT AND NOVELLI HAS CONTACTED CONSULATE ASKING THAT WE ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION BY U.S.M. MAYORS IN TURIN PROGRAM. AMSPEC PHYLLIS LAMPHERE WOULD BE IDEAL PARTICIPANT IF SHE CAN EXTEND HER STAY IN ITALY.
END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER AMBASSADOR GARDNER S FEB. 17 PRESENTATION AND LIVELY 70-MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION BEFORE 400-PLUS CROWD AT TURIN S UNIONE INDUSTRIALE (INDUSTRIALISTS
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ASSOCIATION), TURIN MAYOR DIEGO NOVELLI (A FRONT-ROW PARTICIPANT AT THE MEETING) APPROACHED AMBASSADOR FOR BRIEF EXCHANGE CONCERNING SUBJECT CONFERENCE.

3. ACCORDING TO PRINTED MATERIAL NOVELLI LEFT WITH AMBASSADOR, CONFERENCE IS TO HAVE INITIAL SESSION IN TURIN WITH FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR TURIN PORTION PRIOR TO

MILAN CONFERENCE:

FRIDAY, APRIL 14: 9 A.M. REGISTRATION

1 P.M. LUNCH - FREE

3 - 7 P.M. CONFERENCE ON "THE CITY AND
ITS CRITICAL DIMENSIONS"

8 P.M. RECEPTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 15: 9 - 1 P.M. GUIDED TOUR OF TURIN AND FIAT

PLANTS

1 - 3 P.M. LUNCH HOSTED BY TURIN CITY

ADMINISTRATION AT PALAZZO MADAMA

3 - 6 P.M. DISCUSSION ON "THE CITY AND
ITS CRITICAL DIMENSIONS"

8 P.M. CONCERT AT TEATRO REGIO OPERA HOUSE

10:30 P.M. BUFFET DINNER

SUNDAY, APRIL 16: 9:30 A.M. SURPRISE BUS TOUR IN PIEDMONT

REGION, INCLUDING LUNCH, EVENING ARRIVAL
IN MILAN

8:30 P.M. RECEPTION HOSTED BY MILAN

CITY ADMINISTRATION

4. MAYOR NOVELLI HAS INFORMED US THAT IN EARLY JANUARY HE
WROTE TO JOHN J. GUNTHER, EXEX. DIR., U.S. CONF. OF MAYORS,
SENDING HIM NOVELLI S 1/2/78 LETTER OF INVITATION, PROGRAM
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DETAILS, AND TWO OF NOVELLI S RECENT PRESENTATIONS ON URBAN
CONDITIONS IN TURIN.

5. COMMENT. IT IS EVIDENT THAT TURIN CITY ADMINISTRATION
HAS ADDED ITSELF ON TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE WITH APPROVAL
OF CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS IN MILAN. ONE INTENT OBVIOUSLY
IS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ATTENDANCE OF PARTICIPANTS AT MILAN
CONFERENCE AND HAVE THEM VISIT TURIN FOR THREE DAYS PRIOR
TO THE MILAN CONFERENCE. WHILE OVERALL PROGRAM NOTES
PARTICIPATION FEES TO COVER APRIL 14-19 HOTELS, LUNCHESES/
DINNERS, TICKETS TO REGIO AND LA SCALA, ETC., NOVELLI S
LETTER TO MAYORS STATES "YOU WILL BE OUR GUEST FOR THE THREE
DAYS OF YOUR STAY IN TURIN." NOVELLI S OFFICE EXPLAINED
THAT THE LOW FEE REALLY WOULD ONLY COVER EXPENSES FOR THE FOUR-
NIGHT MILAN PORTION AND THEREFORE THOSE MAYORS WHO COME TO
TURIN MAY CONSIDER THEMSELVES AS GUESTS IN TURIN WITH NO
CHARGE.

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... CHARGE.

6. NOVELLI S LETTER DEFINES THE TURIN CONFERENCE DISCUSSION ENTITLED "THE CITY AND ITS CRITICAL DIMENSIONS" AS AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, COMPARISON OF WORKING PROGRAMS AND FUTURE PLANS AND INITIATIVES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS DIRECTED TOWARD TWO POPULATION SEGMENTS -- THE OLD AND THE YOUNG SINCE "THESE TWO CLASSES HAVE SUFFERED MOST FROM THE DISTORTED (URBAN) GROWTH OF RECENT YEARS." TWO TURIN CONFERENCE SESSIONS WILL BE LARGE MEETINGS, AS OPPOSED TO WORKING GROUP SESSIONS NOTED IN MILAN PROGRAM.

7. WE AGREE WITH AND STRONGLY SECOND AMCONSUL MILAN S RECOMMENDATION (PARA.S 2 AND 3, REF. A) FOR THE VERY REASONS CITED BY MILAN. TURIN POPULATION GROWTH IN RECENT YEARS FROM 500,000 TO 1.2 MILLION, LARGELY DUE TO LABOR IMMIGRATION BASED MAINLY ON ONE INDUSTRY (AUTOMOTIVE) PRESENTS URBAN PROBLEMS DIFFERENT FROM THOSE FOUND IN MILAN OR ELSEWHERE IN ITALY AND THEREFORE VISIT TO BOTH CITIES WOULD NOT BE REDUNDANT.

8. FACT THAT PCI MAYOR HEADS TURIN CITY COUNCIL AND PSI MAYOR HEADS MILAN CITY COUNCIL IN OUR OPINION DOES NOT PLAY A MAJOR FACTOR IN THIS INSTANCE. ANY POLITICAL BENEFIT THAT NOVELLI AS PCI MAYOR MIGHT GAIN FROM PARTICIPATION BY AMERICAN MAYORS IN TURIN PORTION OF CONFERENCE WOULD BE OUTWEIGHED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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BALANCING FACTOR NOTED IN MILAN 90 AND POTENTIAL BENEFIT TO BE GAINED BY CITY OF TURIN ITSELF, A CITY WITH SERIOUS URBAN PROBLEMS.

9. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT GUNTHER AND U.S. MAYORS GIVE
SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO TURIN PORTION OF PROGRAM.

10. WE WILL BE SENDING SEPARATE PROGRAM IDEAS FOR AMSPEC
PHYLLIS LAMPHERE (ROME 3346 TO GENOA AND TURIN, REPEATING
STATE 041184), BUT WISH TO NOTE IN ABOVE CONTEXT THAT SHE
WOULD BE IDEAL PARTICIPANT AT TURIN/MILAN CONFERENCES
IF SHE CAN EXTEND HER STAY IN ITALY BEYOND APRIL 1.
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